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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION IN UN

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT ALGERIAN AMB RAHAL FORWARDED TO UN SECRETARIAT APRIL 22 CABLE FROM CAMBODIA INQUIRING ABOUT STATUS OF CURRENT CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION AT UN AND STEPS WHICH PHNOM PENH GOVERNMENT MUST FOLLOW TO NAME ITS OWN REPRESENTATIVES TO UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. MEXXAGE ALSO APPARENTLY ASKED SYG TO MAKE STATEMENT THAT CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION IN UN DURING LAST 5 YEARS WAS "ANOMALOUS" SITUATION.

2. UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL TODAY INFORMED PRC COUNSELLOR CHOU NAN OF ABOVE ON APRIL 23. HE INDICATED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT OF UN MEMBER STATE CUSTOMARILY ADVISES SYG OF ASSUMPTION OF POWER, AS WELL AS ITS INTENTION TO NAME NEW UN REPRESENTATIVES, AND REQUESTS THAT THIS COMMUNICATION BE CIRCULATED TO OTHER MEMBER STATES. SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL OFFERED TO BE OF HELP IN SPECIFIC WORDING OF CABLE, BUT SAID THAT SYG WOULD TAKE NO ACTION REGARDING REPRESENTATIVES OF LON NOL GOVERNMENT UNTIL SUCH CABLE RECEIVED. SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD CHINESE THAT SYG HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH REPRESENTATION IN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, SINCE THEY ARE AUTONOMOUS BODIES, AND MEMBERS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES MUST COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH HEAD OF AGENCY CONCERNED. SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL ADDED THAT SYG WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENT ABOUT CAMBODIAN UN REPRESENTATION DURING

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LAST 5 YEARS.

3. COMMENT: IF ABOVE REPORT ACCURATE, WE FIND SECRETARIAT
CONDUCT IMPECCABLE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER INFORMATION PARA
2 HAS BEEN PASSED TO ALGERIAN MISSION.
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